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Table 6: Fragmentation of RNA and DNA oligonucleotides determined by MALDI-TOF mass spectrometry.

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Labeling Agent	Metal	SEQ ID NO: 11 (RNA)	SEQ ID NO: 10 (RNA)	SEQ ID NO: 7 (RNA)	SEQ ID NO: 5 (DNA)
5-BMF	Zn ²⁺	++	+++	++	-
	Tb ³⁺	++	ND	+++	++
	None (H ₂ O)	-	-	+	-
6-IA-F	Zn ²⁺	-	-	++	-
	Tb ³⁺	++	+++	ND	++
	None (H ₂ O)	-	-	+	-
Zn ²⁺				+	
None (H ₂ O)				+	

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Table 7: Percentage of Fluorescein Attached

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Labeling Agent	Metal ion	SEQ ID NO: 11 (RNA)	SEQ ID NO: 10 (RNA)	SEQ ID NO: 7 (RNA)	SEQ ID NO: 5 (DNA)
5-BMF	Zn ²⁺	34.0	48.4	40.6	119.
	Tb ³⁺	23.2	23.9	15.3	31.1
	None (H ₂ O)	5.21	0.511	5.05	0.683
6-IA-F	Zn ²⁺	21.0	27.0	31.3	125.
	Tb ³⁺	8.17	6.32	4.82	16.0
	None (H ₂ O)	3.88	0.579	0.939	1.63

REMARKS

Claims 1-37 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, the specification is amended. Support for the amendments to the specification can be found generally in Example 10 on pages 28-29 of the instant specification, specifically at page 28, lines 22-30. No new matter is added.